

Notes/Changes

- Briefer – if service members are completing the health assessment through AKO you may hide/omit/modify slides 25 through 31. They are for use if the service member is filling out the hard copy form DD 2796
- V03.06 – added Post-Deployment Health Reassessment Form information

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Re-Deployment Medical Threat Briefing

Name & Unit



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Re-deployment Medical Briefing

- **Purpose of this briefing**
- **Background on health concerns**
- **Health threats from this region**
- **Re-deployment medical requirements**
- **Homecoming Stress**
- **Summary and where to get more infor**



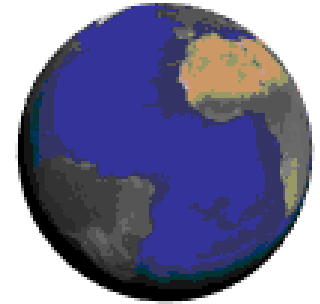
Purpose of this briefing

To ensure that any concerns you may have about your health are addressed and that you understand the medical requirements for re-deployment



Background

- **Over 300,000 US and Coalition Forces are re-deploying from support of Operation Iraqi Freedom**
- **Of utmost importance is force health protection and addressing concerns you might have about your health**



Medical Requirements for Re-deployment

- In-theater
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Medical Threats for the Region

- Threat Categories
 - Infectious
 - Vector borne
 - Animal associated
 - Environmental

- Diarrheal diseases
- Tuberculosis
- Malaria
- Dengue
- Meningococcal Meningitis
- Leishmaniasis
- Q-Fever
- Rabies
- Avian Influenza
- Sandfly Fever
- Schistosomiasis
- Typhoid/Paratyphoid
- Typhus
- Boutonneuse Fever
- West Nile Fever
- Leptospirosis

Common Health Problems Reported

The most commonly reported health problems observed in theater:

- Upper respiratory illness
- Diarrhea

Upper Respiratory Infection

- Can be caused by a number of different things, viruses, bacteria, dust particles
- The contributing factors are close living quarters, variation in sleep routine, stress, change in hygiene habits
- Symptoms resolve in a few days
- If you are experiencing signs of a cold, like draining sinuses, sore throat or cough for more than 2 weeks, seek medical attention

Diarrheal Diseases

- It is normal for almost everyone to have some bowel disturbances due to changes in diet and eating habits
- Can be caused by bacteria, viruses, or parasites
- If you currently have diarrhea symptoms (loose watery stools, more than 3 times per day), speak to a health care provider

Infectious Diseases: STDs/Bloodborne

- Sexually Transmitted and/or Bloodborne Diseases
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Gonorrhea
 - Chlamydia
 - Syphilis
 - Hepatitis B

If you abstained from sexual contact while deployed, you are not at risk for STDs

Infectious Diseases: Tuberculosis

- Tuberculosis disease is present in the Iraqi local population
 - Caused by a bacteria spread by coughing, sneezing, speaking, or spitting from infected persons
- Symptoms
 - Cough continuing for a long time, chest pain, weight loss, night sweats, fever, and weakness
- The TB skin test will show if you have been exposed to someone with active disease, not necessarily that you have the disease

Infectious Diseases: Malaria

- Blood parasite transmitted by mosquitoes
 - Disease is not in Kuwait
 - Your risk is very low in most Iraq locations and is seasonally influenced
- Symptoms
 - Incubation period: 8-14 days
 - Symptoms: fever, flu-like illness, chills, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue
- If you are at high risk of getting this disease you will be told to take malaria drugs
 - Follow your instructions completely to avoid getting sick!

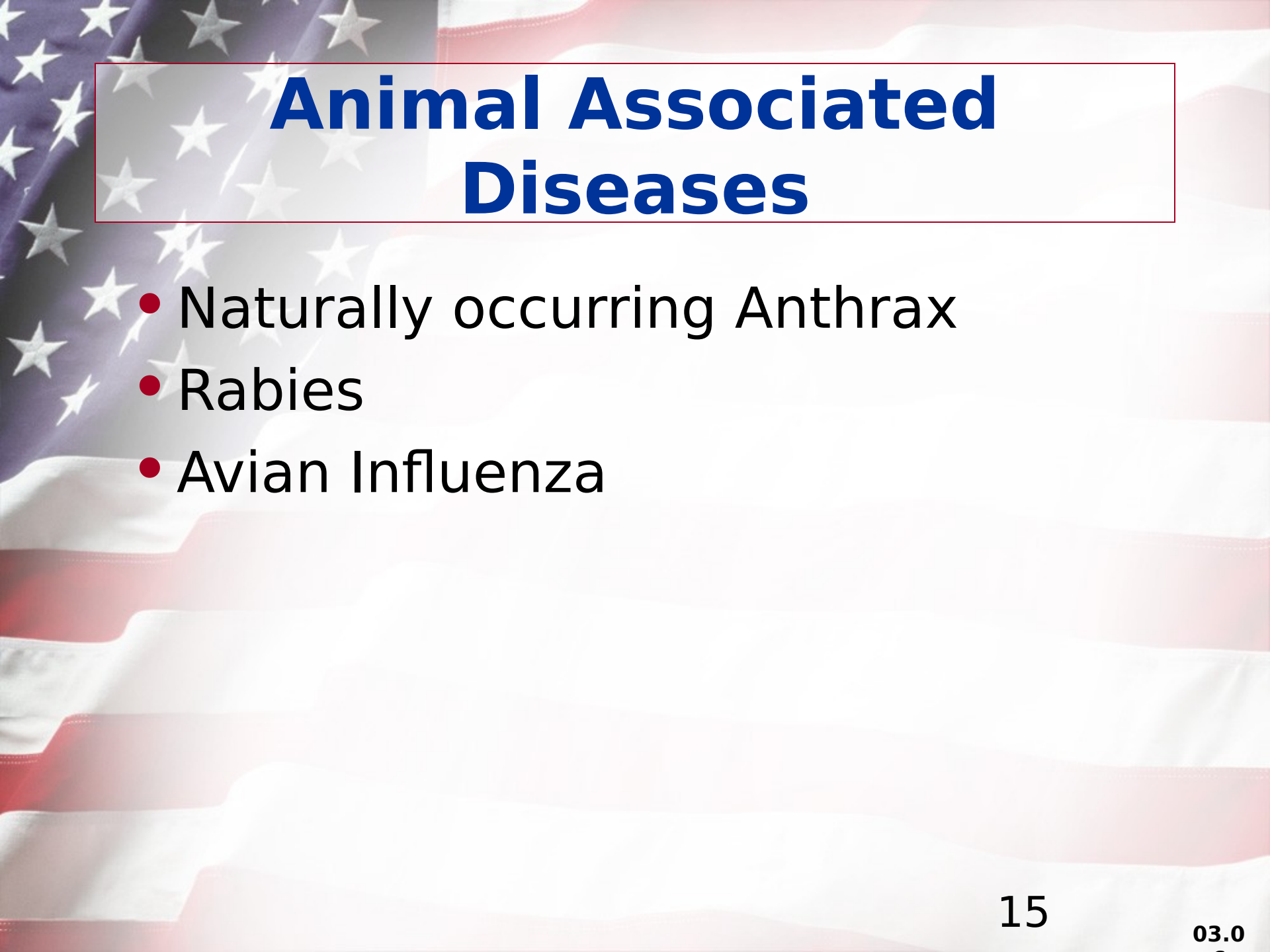


Infectious Diseases: Leishmaniasis

- A parasite transmitted by sand fly bites
- Symptoms
 - Non-healing sores
 - Sometimes - fever, weight loss, weakness, anemia, swelling of spleen and liver
 - Symptoms can appear weeks to months after getting bitten
- If you experience any of these symptoms, while deployed or after you get home, make sure you speak to a health care provider!



Sand flies are very small - only one-third the size of mosquitoes.

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Animal Associated Diseases

- Naturally occurring Anthrax
- Rabies
- Avian Influenza

Anthrax (Naturally Occurring)

- No exposure to bioagent Anthrax reported
 - Bacteria transmitted by animals, animal hides or contaminated meat



- Symptoms
 - On skin. Progresses from bump → blister → ulcer, swelling, and fever
- If you have an ulcer with a black scab or that has had a difficult time healing, please make sure you speak to a health care provider

Rabies

- The wild dogs roaming troop areas in Kuwait and Iraq could be carrying rabies
- Caused by virus in the saliva of infected mammals or bats
- Rabies is nearly 100% fatal
- If you were bitten by a dog, or any other animal, post exposure treatment must be started immediately

Animal Contact Diseases

Avian Influenza H5N1

- Rare cases of H5N1 influenza could occur in operational forces exposed to infected poultry flocks.
- In the unlikely event that H5N1 influenza gains the ability to efficiently spread directly from person to person, initiating a human influenza pandemic, a significant number of operational forces worldwide could be affected.
- Very severe illness; fatality rate higher than 50% in symptomatic cases
- Seek medical treatment immediately if you feel ill.

Other Disease Threats

- Other less common infectious diseases are covered in your ***Redeployment Medical Guide for Missions in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom*** tri-fold

Environmental Threats

- Environmental assessments ongoing at all primary troop locations in Kuwait and Iraq
- Air, soil and water analyzed for:
 - Pesticides
 - Chemicals and heavy metals
 - Radiation
- As of May, 2003, particulate matter (dust) levels were a moderate hazard but no other health risks found
- Smoke from battlefield and oil well fires was not a health hazard

Environmental Threats: Dust

- Dust levels are consistently higher than other areas of the world
- Smoke and air pollution are similar to many industrial areas in the US
- Can cause runny nose, sore throat and cough; may worsen allergies
- Symptoms usually resolve in a few days after leaving the area; if not, seek medical attention

Post Deployment Requirements

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DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

- Available through AKO under the "My Medical Readiness" link

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Army Organizations

Self Service

Reference

Physical Exam Data Entry

Effective 1 December 2005, the results of the physical exam, which consist of PE, PULHES serial, physical condition and physical source will be entered directly at the Point of Service (POS) into MEDPROS. The Physical Exam data will be transferred electronically to TAPDB for all Army units. TAPDB will in turn feed other DA source systems.

[Point of Service Physical Exam Data Entry into MEDPROS Memorandum](#)

Deployment Health Assessments

Soldiers deploying or redeploying from theater can now complete their portion of the Pre, Post or Post Deployment Health Reassessment online before their scheduled deployment processing at which time a medical provider will complete the assessment with the Soldier. Click here [\(DHA\)](#) to begin your assessment.

Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment (PDHRA)

MEDPROS
POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT

 for deployments. Volunteers are top priority for selection to impending deployment battle rosters on the PROFIS Deployment System (PDS). For those selected, PDS offers predictability and preparation.

Visit the MEDCOM Volunteer Web site at:
<http://www.mods.army.mil>

Additional Resources:

[TSG Volunteer Memorandum](#)
[OTSG/MEDCOM Memorandum 06-003](#)

Weigh to Stay Program

Want to lose weight? Weigh to Stay is the Army's intensive standardized weight management and education program. This program includes a three part education series with designated follow-ups. Weigh to Stay will provide soldiers with the tools needed to learn and establish healthy eating and exercise habits. Currently this program is being offered to the USAR in CONUS and both AD and USAR Soldiers who are deployed through an internet collaborative platform. The training is real time conducted from the comfort of your own computer. All you need is a dedicated



DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Deployment Health Assessments

Pre Deployment
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PRE DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM

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POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORM

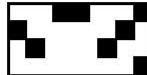
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POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH REASSESSMENT FORM

DD2900

Post-Deployment Health Assessment Form

Page 1: Service Member Administrative Information



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POST-DEPLOYMENT

Health Assessment



Authority: 10 U.S.C. 136 Chapter 55. 10741, 3013, 5013, 8013 and E.O. 9397

Principal Purpose: To assess your state of health after deployment outside the United States in support of military operations and to assist military healthcare providers in identifying and providing present and future medical care to you.

Routine Use: To other Federal and State agencies and civilian healthcare providers, as necessary, in order to provide necessary medical care and treatment.

Disclosure: (Military personnel and DoD civilian Employees Only) Voluntary. If not provided, healthcare WILL BE furnished, but comprehensive care may not be possible.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read each question completely and carefully before marking your selections. Provide a response for each question. If you do not understand a question, ask the administrator.

Demographics

Last Name

First Name

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Name of Your Unit or Ship during this Deployment

Gender

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

Service Branch

- ☐ Air Force
☐ Army
☐ Coast Guard
☐ Marine Corps
☐ Navy
☐ Other

Component

- ☐ Active Duty
☐ National Guard
☐ Reserves
☐ Civilian Government Employee

Location of Operation

- ☐ Europe
☐ SW Asia
☐ SE Asia
☐ Asia (Other)
☐ Australia
☐ Africa
☐ Central America
☐ Unknown
☐ South America
☐ North America
☐ Other

To what areas were you mainly deployed:
(mark all that apply - list where/date arrived)

- ☐ Kuwait
☐ Qatar
☐ Afghanistan
☐ Bosnia
☐ On a ship

Name of Operation:

Occupational specialty during this deployment
(MOS, NEC or AFSC)

Combat specialty:

Today's Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Social Security Number

DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of arrival in theater (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of departure from theater (dd/mm/yyyy)

Pay Grade

- ☐ E1
☐ E2
☐ E3
☐ E4
☐ E5
☐ E6
☐ E7
☐ E8
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☐ O04
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☐ O06
☐ O07
☐ O08
☐ O09
☐ O10
☐ W1
☐ W2
☐ W3
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☐ Other

- ☐ Iraq
☐ Turkey
☐ Uzbekistan
☐ Kosovo
☐ CONUS
☐ Other

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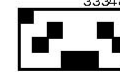
Indicate the status of each of the following:

Yes No N/A

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Medical threat debriefing completed
☐ ☐ ☐ Medical information sheet distributed
☐ ☐ ☐ Post Deployment serum specimen collected

Reset

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Post Deployment Health Assessment Form

- DD Form 2796 must be completed no more than 30 days prior to departing for home station
 - Page 1: Administrative information
 - Deployment location
 - Country, list all
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom
- *You will need your DD 2796 in hand to depart from theater*** Do not pack it in your bags

Post Deployment Health Assessment Form

- Page 2: Service Member Report
 - Report vaccinations, medications, and health care during deployment process
 - Report experiences, symptoms or concerns
 - Page 3: Service Member Report
 - Report possible exposures and duration
 - Identify potentially hazardous situations that may concern you
- *You will need your DD 2796 to out-process from theater***

Post-Deployment Health Assessment Form

Page 4: Health Care Provider Assessment

Health Care Provider Only

SERVICE MEMBER'S SOCIAL SECURITY #

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Post-Deployment Health Care Provider Review, Interview, and Assessment

Interview

1. Would you say your health in general is: ☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
2. Do you have any medical or dental problems that developed during this deployment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you currently on a profile or light duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. During this deployment have you sought, or do you now intend to seek, counseling or care for your mental health? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Do you have concerns about possible exposures or events during this deployment that you feel may affect your health?
Please list concerns: _____

6. Do you currently have any questions or concerns about your health? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Please list concerns: _____

Health Assessment

After my interview/exam of the service member and review of this form, there is a need for further evaluation as indicated below. (More than one may be noted for patients with multiple problems. Further documentation of the problem evaluation to be placed in the service member's medical record.)

REFERRAL INDICATED FOR:

- ☐ None
- ☐ Cardiac
- ☐ Combat/Operational Stress Reaction
- ☐ Dental
- ☐ Dermatologic
- ☐ ENT
- ☐ Eye
- ☐ Family Problems
- ☐ Fatigue, Malaise, Multisystem complaint
- ☐ Audiology

- ☐ GI
- ☐ GU
- ☐ GYN
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Neurologic
- ☐ Orthopedic
- ☐ Pregnancy
- ☐ Pulmonary
- ☐ Other _____

EXPOSURE CONCERNS (During deployment):

- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Occupational
- ☐ Combat or mission related
- ☐ None

Comments: _____

I certify that this review process has been completed.
Provider's signature and stamp:

This visit is coded by V70.5 __ 6

Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

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End of Health Review



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Post Deployment Health Assessment Form

- Page 4: Health Assessment
 - Face-to-face discussion with Health Care Provider (HCP)
 - Answer based on how you are feeling today
 - Review of completed DD 2796 with HCP
 - Follow-up may be recommended at home station
 - Answering yes to any questions will not delay your departure from theater
- *Hand-carry a copy of your DD 2796 all the way through your home station out-processing***

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Directions for post-deployment health questions and concerns

- Step 1
 - Be aware that some conditions (like malaria, tuberculosis, and others) may not produce symptoms for weeks to months after you return home.
- Step 2
 - Contact your local MTF or civilian health care provider for problems, questions, or concerns noticed after re-deployment, and make sure to tell him/her about your deployment.
- Step 3
 - If you feel ill, your primary health care provider can do an initial assessment. If symptoms persist or your condition is not improving, make sure you return to your health care provider.
- Step 4
 - The DoD Deployment Health Clinical Center is always available to answer your questions, and any questions your health care provider (civilian or military) may have about your health.

DoD Deployment Health Clinical Center

Walter Reed Army Medical Center

6900 Georgia Avenue, NW

Building 2, Room 3G04

Washington, DC 20307-5001

Phone: (202) 782-6563

Fax: (202) 782-3539

DSN: 662-3577

Toll Free Help Line: (800) 796-9699

<http://www.pdhealth.mil>

Remember “deploymenthealth.mil”

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Preventive Measures Required

- Tuberculosis Skin Test
 - A skin test on the forearm to show if you have been exposed to tuberculosis
 - Delayed onset of positive test in some folks requires that you be tested twice:
 - At the time of redeployment
 - At 3-6 months after redeployment
(Date will be indicated on your DD Form 2796)
 - You must return 48-72 hours after the test to have it read and documented by a health care professional
- Blood sample taken at home station



DD FORM 2900

- Post Deployment Health Reassessment
 - Completed 3-6 months after re-deployment
 - Must complete the demographic information portion; the remainder of the form is voluntary
 - The form will be completed through AKO or MEDPROS at a screening location
 - A healthcare provider will review and discuss your answers with you

Blood Donation

- If you get malaria you will be deferred from donating blood for 3 years

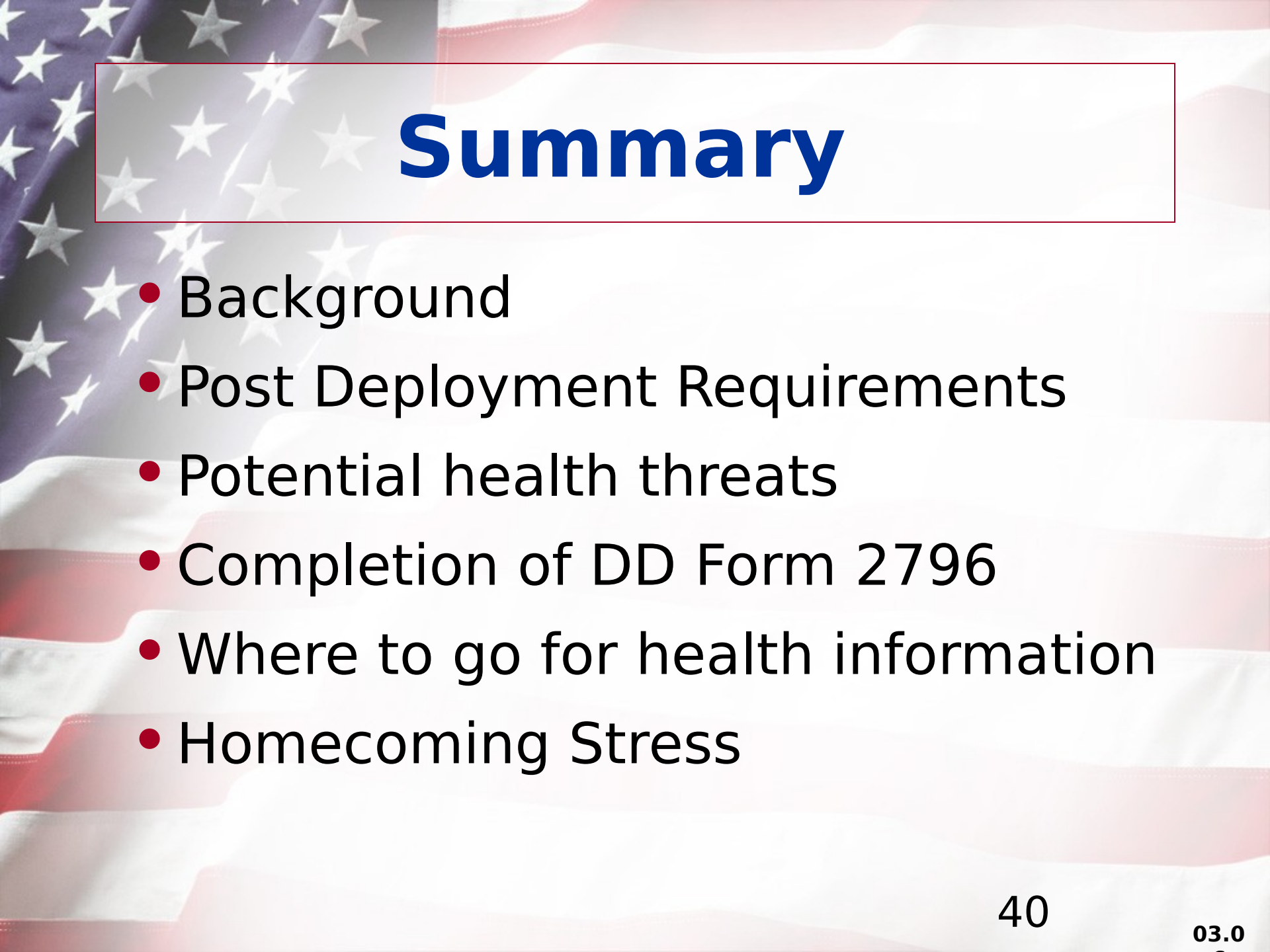
Soldiers who have been to Iraq cannot donate blood for a year after redeploying.



Reunion with family and friends

- Reunion is a part of the deployment cycle and can be filled with joy and stress. Reintegration into the family structure is a critical process.
- Refer to the ***A Soldier and Family Guide to redeploying*** for things to remember during reunion with family and friends.
- Chaplains and counselors are available to help cope with homecoming stress.



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Summary

- Background
- Post Deployment Requirements
- Potential health threats
- Completion of DD Form 2796
- Where to go for health information
- Homecoming Stress

Conclusion

It is important to the US military and the Nation that you enjoy good health as you rejoin your family and friends upon return to home station.

If you have health problems or concerns, it is critical that you let someone know. It will not delay your departure for home station.

Are there any questions?